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SUBJECT: GERMAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT FORCED DOWN IN BULGARIA

FRG AMBASSADOR WAS SUMMONED URGENTLY TO FONOFF NOON
MAY 21 AND INFORMED THAT AT ABOUT 0400 HOURS A GERMAN
PASSENGER PLANE HAD MADE FORCED LANDING NEAR VARNA AFTER
BEING INTERCEPTED BY TWO BULGARIAN FIGHTER PLANES WHEN IT
VEERED OFF ESTABLISHED FLIGHT PATH ALONG THE BLACK SEA
COAST. ACCORDING TO BULGARS THE GERMAN PLANE, WHICH WAS
ON ITINERARY ISTANBUL-DUESSELDORF, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT
HAS LOST ITS WAY AND WAS NOT "FORCED DOWN" BUT RECEIVED
"RECOMMENDATION" TO LAND; AND AFTER THREE HOURS ON THE
GROUND WAS PERMITTED TO DEPART. BULGARS EMPHASIZED TO FRG
AMBASSADOR THEY FULLY ACCEPTED THAT VIOLATION OF BULGARIAN
AIR SPACE HAD OCCURRED IN GOOD FAITH.
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